

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system of controlling a flow of content, the system comprising:
a terminal capable of sending a content status including terminal status
information; and
5 a network entity comprising a content flow manager capable of receiving the
terminal status information and server status information regarding a source of content,
wherein the server status information comprises a listing of at least one piece of content
available from the source, and wherein the content flow manager is capable of controlling
the flow of content to the terminal based upon the terminal status information and the
10 server status information.
2. A system according to Claim 1, wherein the terminal comprises a
memory, and wherein the control flow manager is capable of controlling the terminal to
at least one of delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal, and
15 download at least one piece of content from the source.
3. A system according to Claim 2, wherein the terminal status information
comprises a listing of at least one piece of content stored in the memory of the terminal,
and wherein the control flow manager is capable of controlling the terminal to delete at
20 least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal based upon the listing of at
least one piece of content stored in the memory of the terminal.
4. A system according to Claim 2, wherein the server status information
comprises a listing of at least one piece of available content from the source, and wherein
25 the control flow manager is capable of controlling the terminal to download at least one
piece of content from the source based upon the listing of at least one available piece of
content from the source.
5. A system according to Claim 2, wherein the control flow manager is
30 capable of determining if the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of
content to delete, and wherein the control flow manager is capable of sending a response

to the terminal instructing the terminal to delete at least one piece of content when the control flow manager determines that the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to delete.

5 6. A system according to Claim 5, wherein the control flow manager is further capable of determining if source includes at least one available piece of content for the terminal to download, and wherein the control flow manager is capable of sending a response to the terminal instructing the terminal to download at least one available piece of content when the control flow manager determines that the source includes at
10 least one available piece of content for the terminal to download.

 7. A terminal comprising:
 a memory capable of storing at least one piece of content;
 a controller capable of sending a content status including terminal status
15 information comprising a listing of at least one piece of content stored in the memory, wherein the controller is capable of sending the content request such that a network entity can receive the terminal status inquiry and control a flow of content to the terminal based upon the terminal status information.

20 8. A terminal according to Claim 7, wherein the controller is capable of sending the content status such that the network entity can instruct the controller to at least one of delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal, and download at least one piece of content from a source of content.

25 9. A terminal according to Claim 8, and wherein the controller is capable of sending the content status such that the network entity can instruct the controller to delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal based upon the listing of at least one piece of content stored in the memory of the terminal.

30 10. A terminal according to Claim 8, wherein the controller is capable of sending the content status such that the network entity can instruct the controller to

download at least one piece of content from the source based upon server status information comprising a listing of at least one available piece of content from the source.

5 11. A terminal according to Claim 8, wherein the controller is capable of sending the content status such that the network entity can determine if the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to delete, and send a response to the terminal instructing the controller to delete at least one piece of content when the network entity determines that the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to
10 delete.

 12. A terminal according to Claim 11, wherein the controller is capable of sending the content status such that the network entity can further determine if the source includes at least one available piece of content for the terminal to download, and sending
15 the response further indicating if the source includes at least one available piece of content, and wherein the controller is further capable of downloading the at least one available piece of content when the network entity determines that the source includes at least one available piece of content.

20 13. A method for controlling a flow of content, the method comprising:
 sending a content status including terminal status information comprising a listing of at least one piece of content stored in a memory of the terminal;
 receiving the terminal status information; and
 controlling the flow of content to the terminal based upon the terminal status
25 information.

 14. A method according to Claim 13, wherein controlling a flow of content comprises controlling the terminal to at least one of delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal, and download at least one piece of content from a
30 source of content.

15. A method according to Claim 14, and wherein controlling a flow of content comprises controlling the terminal to delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal based upon the listing of at least one piece of content stored in the memory of the terminal.

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16. A method according to Claim 14, wherein controlling a flow of content comprises controlling the terminal to download at least one piece of content from the source based upon server status information comprising a listing of at least one available piece of content from the source.

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17. A method according to Claim 14, wherein controlling a flow of content comprises:

determining if the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to delete; and

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sending a response to the terminal instructing the terminal to delete at least one piece of content when the the memory of the terminal is determined to include at least one piece of content to delete.

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18. A method according to Claim 17, controlling a flow of content further comprises:

determining if the source includes at least one available piece of content for the terminal to download,

wherein sending a response comprises sending a response to the terminal further instructing the terminal to download at least one available piece of content when the source is determined to include at least one available piece of content.

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19. A computer program product for controlling a flow of content, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code portions stored therein, the computer-readable program code portions comprising:

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a first executable portion for receiving a content status including terminal status information comprising a listing of at least one piece of content stored in a memory of the terminal; and

5 a second executable portion for controlling the flow of content to the terminal based upon the terminal status information.

20. A computer program product according to Claim 19, wherein the second executable portion is adapted to instruct the terminal to at least one of delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal, and download at least one piece of
10 content from a source of content.

21. A computer program product according to Claim 20, wherein the second executable portion is adapted to instruct the terminal to delete at least one piece of content from the memory of the terminal based upon the listing of at least one piece of
15 content stored in the memory of the terminal.

22. A computer program product according to Claim 20, wherein the second executable portion is adapted to instruct the terminal to download at least one piece of content from the source based upon server status information comprising a listing of at
20 least one available piece of content from the source.

23. A computer program product according to Claim 20, wherein the second executable portion is adapted to determine if the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to delete, and send a response to the terminal instructing the terminal
25 to delete at least one piece of content when the second executable portion determines the memory of the terminal includes at least one piece of content to delete.

24. A computer program product according to Claim 23, wherein the second executable portion is further adapted to determine if the source includes at least one
30 available piece of content for the terminal to download, and wherein the second executable portion is adapted to send a response to the terminal further instructing the

terminal to download at least one available piece of content when the second executable portion determines the source includes at least one available piece of content.